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The following is a List of References cited in Office Action issued for corresponding Japanese Application.

Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 58-222907	Dec. 24, '83	A method is disclosed for making the amount of the exhaust gas flowing into a particulate filter small, when the temperature of the particulate filter becomes larger than a predetermined temperature.
Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication (Kokai) No. 01-174510	Dec. 12, '89	A method is disclosed for making the amount of the exhaust gas flowing into a particulate filter small, when the temperature of the particulate filter becomes larger than a predetermined temperature.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 59-20510	Feb. 2, '84	From line 16 in the right column on page 1 to line 9 in the upper-left column on page 2 and from line 14 to line 16 in the upper-right column on page 2, it is disclosed that a cooling effect is obtained by increasing the amount of the exhaust gas.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 06-272541	Sep. 27, '94	In paragraphs 0013 and 0015, a particulate filter is disclosed, which comprises an agent for absorbing NOx therein and emitting NOx therefrom, and a method

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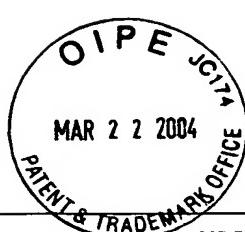
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Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication (Kokai) No. 60-45815	Mar. 30, '85	<p>is disclosed for emitting sulfurate component attached to the particulate filter by making air-fuel-ratio rich.</p> <p>On page 1 from line 1 to line 6 and on page 11 from line 5 to line 10, a method is disclosed, for making the amount of the exhaust gas flowing into a particulate filter smaller than a predetermined amount, when the temperature of the particulate filter is large and the concentration of oxygen in the exhaust gas is large.</p>
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 60-206925	Oct. 18, '85	<p>From line 17 in the left column on page 1 to line 4 in the right column on page 1, and from line 17 in the upper-left column on page 2 to line 4 in the upper-right column on page 2, a method is disclosed, for making the amount of the exhaust gas flowing into a particulate filter smaller than a predetermined amount, when the temperature of the particulate filter is large and the concentration of oxygen in the exhaust gas is large.</p>

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 5-1613	Jan. 8, '93	A technique to change the condition of driving of an engine to prevent overheating.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 6-159037	Jun. 7, '94	In paragraph 0012, a particulate filter is disclosed, which carries active-oxygen-emitting-agent comprising metal having high ionization tendency.



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	3	JP-A-60-206925 (Abstract)	10-18-85	Japan		
	4	JP-U-60-45815 (Abstract)	03-12-85	Japan		
	5	JP-A-59-20510 (Abstract)	02-02-84	Japan		
	6	JP-A-58-222907 (Abstract)	12-24-83	Japan		
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